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SUBJECT: MAY 13 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. IN OP-ED PIECE IN WASHINGTON POST, STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD SAID BASIC POLITICAL FACTOR IN ARMS RACE "IS DECISION BY DIFFERENT PEOPLES OR ELITES TO HAVE STATES OR SOCIAL SYSTEM OF THEIR OWN." ROSENFELD SAID 20TH CENTURY IDEOLOGICAL RIVALRIES GAVE TREMENDOUS IMPETUS TO ARMS BUILDING. ARMS RACE IS NOT TRICK OR ACCIDENT BUT "PREDICTABLE RESULT OF NATIONALISM ACTING ON AFFLUENCE AND TECHNOLOGY," HE POINTED OUT. "NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERY ARMS PROGRAM OR ARMS SALE IS WISE AND NECESSARY. IT DOES MEAN THAT ARMS DECISIONS ARE NO MORE IMMUNE FROM ERROR THAN OTHER AREAS OF PUBLIC POLICY." TO SLOW ARMS RACE, ROSENFELD CONCLUDED, YOU MUST PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF HELPING PEOPLE PROTECT "LEGITIMATE THINGS, THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR SECURITY, FOR WHICH THEY ARMED IN FIRST PLACE. GOOD DIPLOMACY -- EASING OF TENSIONS OR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES OR RESOLUTION OF GRIEVANCES -- IS BEST ARMS CONTROL POLICY."

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2. BERNARD GWERTZMAN OF NEW YORK TIMES, REPORTING ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE, SAID PRESIDENT AVOIDED CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL AND ITS SUPPORTERS BY PLEDGING THAT U.S. HAD "SPECIAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES" TO ISRAEL AND THAT "SPECIAL TREATMENT" WOULD BE GIVEN TO ISRAEL WITH REGARD TO ITS RIGHT TO BUY AND CO-PRODUCE ADVANCE WEAPONRY.

3. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY ERNEST VOLKMAN OF NEWSDAY REPORTING THAT ISRAEL HAS DEVELOPED ITS OWN TELEVISION-GUIDED "SMART BOMB" TO REPLACE SIMILAR AMERICAN-SUPPLIED WEAPONS. NEW WEAPON, CALLED LUZ-1, IS ENTERING FULL PRODUCTION. IT HAS RANGE OF UP TO 50 MILES AND IS DEADLY ACCURATE. LUZ-1 MARKS ANOTHER STEP IN ISRAEL'S DRIVE TO BECOME ENTIRELY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN MILITARY ARMS.

4. CRAIG R. WHITNEY, REPORTING FROM BONN IN NEW YORK TIMES, SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT BELIEVES BRAZIL IS PART OF "WORLDWIDE PROBLEM OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY THAT BUYER AND SELLER COUNTRIES ALIKE MUST HELP SOLVE." BOTH SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT CARTER, AT LONDON SUMMIT, EXPLAINED THEIR VIEWPOINTS VERY DIRECTLY, AND DECISION WAS MADE TO SET UP STUDY GROUP TO WORK OUT FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. WHITNEY SAID "MR. SCHMIDT BELIEVES COUNTRIES NEARING DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY -- BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, IRAN, FOR INSTANCE -- HAVE TO BE BROUGHT INTO DISCUSSIONS, AND HE TOLD MR. CARTER SO."

5. WASHINGTON POST, IN ARTICLE BASED ON TEXT ISSUED BY NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, SAID CHINESE DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING TOLD CONFERENCE IN PEKING THAT "BIG WAR" BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION WILL BREAK OUT AT EARLY DATE. HE CALLED FOR MASSIVE DRIVE TO BUILD UP INDUSTRY IN CHINA'S INTERIOR BEFORE OUTBREAK OF WAR. HE SAID U.S. AND RUSSIA "LOCKED IN INCREASINGLY FIERCE STRUGGLE FOR HEGEMONY."
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6. WASHINGTON POST, IN EDITORIAL TITLED "RISKY NUCLEAR POLICY," SAID "CARTER ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPTING VERY COMPLICATED BILLIARD SHOT IN ITS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION POLICY." EDITORIAL SAID "ADMINISTRATION COULD END UP SWEET REASONING EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE RIGHT INTO FEELING THAT IT IS PERFECTLY OKAY WITH US IF THEY PURSUE DANGEROUS AND AMBIGUOUS TECHNOLOGIES. TEST OF CARTER STRATEGY, IN OTHER WORDS, WILL BE HOW IT USES TIME IT GETS, HOW INTENSELY IT WILL GO ABOUT DEMONSTRATING THAT THERE ARE INFINITELY BETTER ALTERNATIVES FOR EUROPEANS, JAPANESE AND REST OF WORLD THAN THOSE NOW BEING PURSUED."
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